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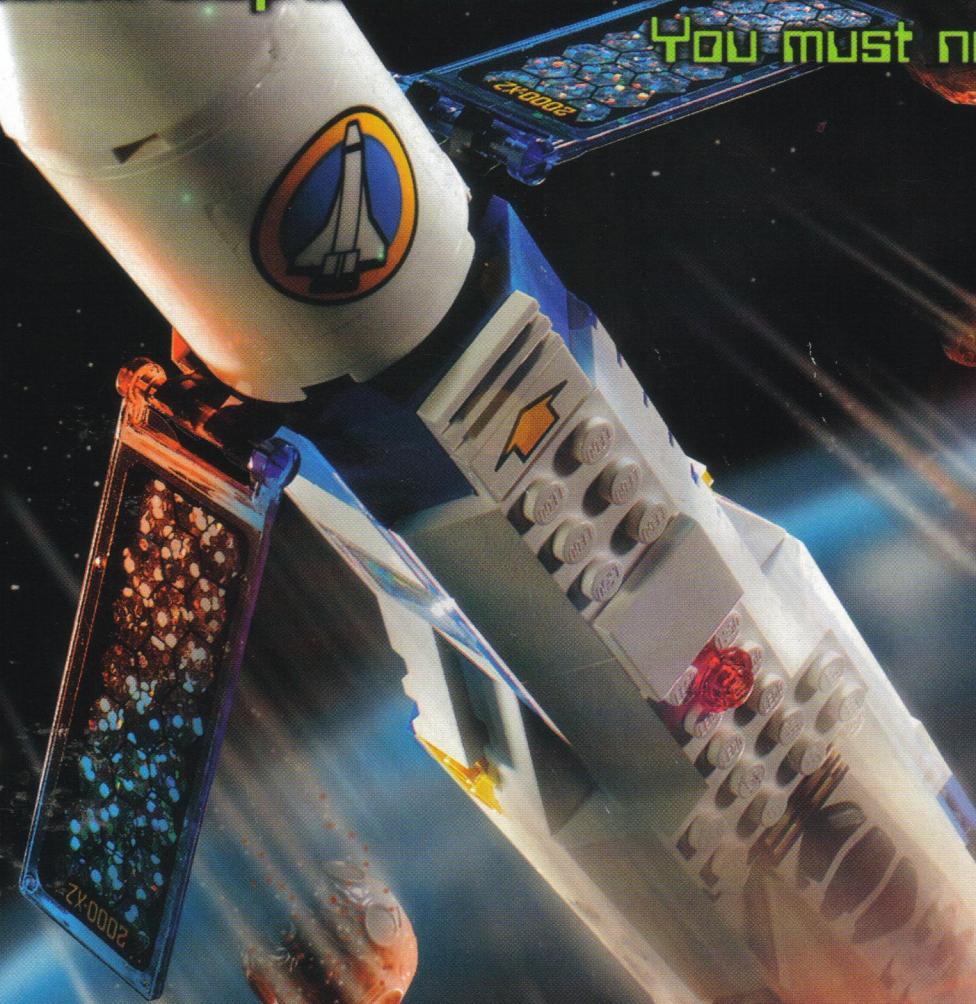
ALL NEW...



Rogue meteors spotted... Your training is complete...
Your mission: stop meteors and save the Earth...
You must not fail...



THOMAS MICHON...
GRAND PRIZE WINNER 1998
SEARCH FOR THE
ULTIMATE LEGO CREATION
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**ALL
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Mission Control!

There's no place like space, and Space Port takes you there. Once you complete your training, you'll be ready to blast off. But being an astronaut isn't just squeezing food out of a tube and floating around in zero gravity. There are rockets to build, satellites to repair, and space labs to launch. And watch out for meteors! Those dangerous flying objects make every flight an adventure!

To find out more about real astronaut training for and NASA space missions, visit NASA's website at: <http://shuttle.nasa.gov>

Hallie Comet

As the navigator on all space missions, it's Hallie's job to make sure that no one gets lost in space. She is also an ace space mechanic and has fixed hundreds of damaged satellites while floating in space.



MEET THE
ASTRONAUTS



Buzz Bailey

Buzz is the top space jockey in Space Port. He has flown more shuttle missions than any other astronaut. His favorite place in space is the moon, and Buzz loves to zoom over moon dunes in his lunar rover.

6454 Countdown Corner

Three...two...one...blast off!

Lights flash and the engine roars! As the arms of the launch pad drop away, you rocket off into adventure. Take a walk in space, then...warn Mission Control that a meteor is heading toward Earth!

Three real rocket sounds and light patterns.



Hatch opens for easy astronaut entry.

Use the rocket for an unmanned mission to release a satellite into orbit.

TRY A
NIGHT-TIME LAUNCH
FOR A REALLY COOL
LIGHT AND SOUND
SHOW!

Send rocket into space
from launch pad.

We have adventure!



6453 Com Link Cruiser

With its rotating radar, this cool cruiser can detect incoming meteors. And when nobody's looking, you can pick up any sporting event in the world!



6463 Lunar Rover



6455 Space Simulation Station

If you can get through astronaut training, you're ready for anything in space. Take a spin on the G-force sling to see how your body holds up to the forces of gravity. Then, if you're not too dizzy, wobble over to the flight simulator. Hop in and take off on a virtually real space flight.



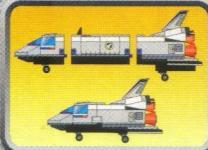
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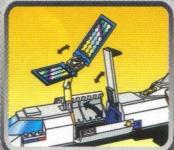
6456 Mission Control

Mission Control zooms into action to repair a damaged satellite. Fuel the shuttle and roll it to the launch pad. Engines rumble and flash, and the shuttle blasts off. Once safely in orbit, release the Canadian arm to hold the satellite in place for repairs. Mission Control gives you clearance to head home. Another mission completed!

...SPECIAL FEATURES...SPECIAL FEATURES...SPECIAL FEATURES...



Shuttle transforms
into mini shuttle
for return flight.



Hatch opens for
quick satellite
release.



Find a surprise
inside the mystery
meteor.



Cool Radio Tower to scan
for incoming meteors
and warn shuttle.

Press buttons to hear
three different sounds
and flash lights for blast
off!

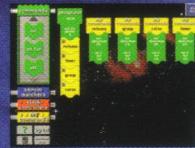


PROGRAMMING GRABBER ARM



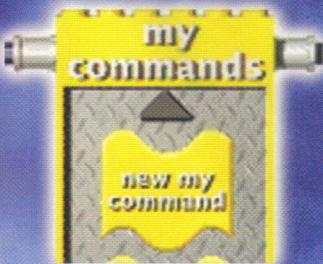
Be a Master Coder!

"My Commands" are useful for the Grabber Arm. Its program (shown here) uses them often.



Organize Your RCX Code

"My Commands" replace a long stack of commands with a single block.



COOL INVENTIONS GRABBER ARM

The Grabber Arm can reach and grab just like a human hand—and it looks like one too! This is no accident—this design is based on how a real hand works. Check it out below and on www.legomindstorms.com.



www.legomindstorms.com



FIRST™ LEGO® LEAGUE

Launching the FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

LEGO® bricks have been used to build all sorts of space ships, but a LEGO model has never actually been in space—until now. NASA's Discovery Mission STS-96 included a crew of seven humans and one specially-designed LEGO robotic

of kids use the LEGO® MINDSTORMS® Robotics Invention System to design, program, and test their own unique robotic inventions for tournament competition.

"When I saw teams of kids using technology and working together to develop solutions to some really tough challenges, I was impressed and inspired," said Barry, who served as a judge during a tournament last year at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago.

The FIRST LEGO League robot is a

Inspiration and Recognition

FIRST, which stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology," also runs the **FIRST** Robotics Competition for high school students and **FIRST** Place, a science and technology facility in Manchester, New Hampshire.

arm.

The LEGO model was brought on-board by Astronaut Daniel T. Barry to help launch the FIRST LEGO League. The FIRST LEGO League is a friendly, high-tech sporting event in which teams



Space Shuttle Discovery takes off on Mission STS-96 (left). The FIRST LEGO League robotic arm safely back from its mission (right).

model of the robotic arm located on-board the Discovery. The astronauts use the robotic arm to carry them during space walks and as a tool for grasping. The LEGO robot is identical in its design and can do similar things.

Anyone interested learning more about FIRST LEGO League should visit www.legomindstorms.com/fll

Daniel T. Barry

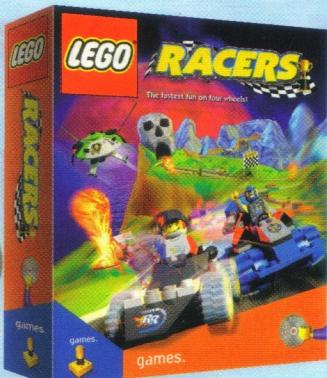


LEGO SOFTWARE NEWS



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top secret info - club members only



In the last issue, we took a look at all the tracks, characters and power-ups in LEGO Racers.

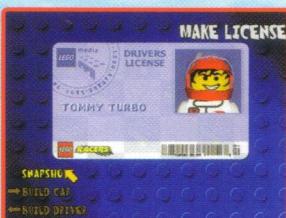
This month we'll examine the "Top Secret" driver and car building modes, where you can design and build your own custom LEGO driver and racing vehicle.

Check out these other cool features:

- Swap driver and car designs with friends by exchanging memory cards and controller paks. (Nintendo® 64 and PlayStation® versions only)
- Feel every bump and vibration on the road with force feedback. Force feedback support requires: Nintendo® 64 (Rumble Pak), PlayStation® game console (Dual Shock™ analog controller), or PC CD-ROM (DirectX-compatible force feedback)
- Race against a friend on the same computer or game console in two-player racing mode.



Snap together your own custom LEGO Racer champion on the "Build Driver" screen...



...then create a wacky driver's license, with a unique name and photo!



Using the "Build Car" screen you can use a ready-made car, or build one from scratch, brick by brick.



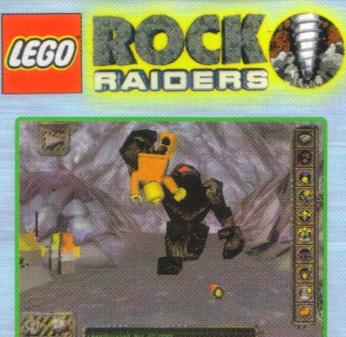
How you build your car will affect how it handles — take a spin on the test track to see how your new car drives.

PC
CD
ROM



Note: The PC CD-ROM version of LEGO Racers will require a 3D accelerator card.

Upcoming releases



Rock Raiders is based on the all-new LEGO® SYSTEM play theme. Your mission is to navigate your way through a dangerous underground world while mining precious energy crystals and LEGO ore. However, beware and avoid the looming Rock Monster!

Coming this Fall for
PC CD-ROM and
PlayStation®.



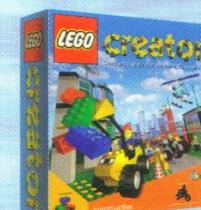
LEGO creator

Have you tried out the secret night-vision mode?

Follow these steps:

1. Create a new LEGO World.
2. Place a single 6-stud LEGO Brick in the center of your world.
3. Place a video camera from the action bricks menu on top of the brick.
4. Enter Play Mode, then click on the night-time option on the menu.
5. Enter the camera's viewpoint and wait for it to get dark.

Experiment with the video camera and your environment settings to see your LEGO Creator worlds in a new light.



"I'VE DUSTED THE FASTEST RACERS IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSE..."

Available

PC CD-ROM..... Aug '99
PlayStation® game console... Sept '99
NINTENDO® 64..... Sept '99



Rocket Racer

"AND YOU'RE NEXT!"

BUILD YOUR RACE CAR!

CHOOSE YOUR PLAY THEME!

FIND HIDDEN SHORT CUTS!

COOL COMPETITORS!



If you want to be a LEGO Racing Champion, you'd better **READ THIS FAST!**

Load the game. Imagine a car, any car. Build it. Scrap it. Build it again, only better! Race in four separate worlds. Challenge your friends. Beat them. Master 12 wild race tracks. Defeat history's greatest champions like Johnny Thunder, Baron von Baron or the villainous Black Knight. Only then, you'll have the chance to race the ultimate LEGO champion. Who am I? I'm the Rocket Racer... and by the way, **YOU READ TOO SLOW!**



LEGO RACERS

Go Faster!

**PC
CD
ROM**



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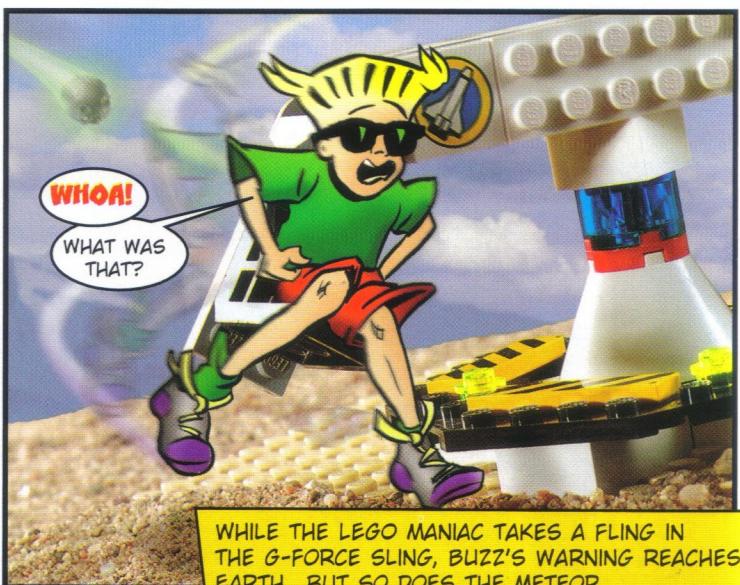
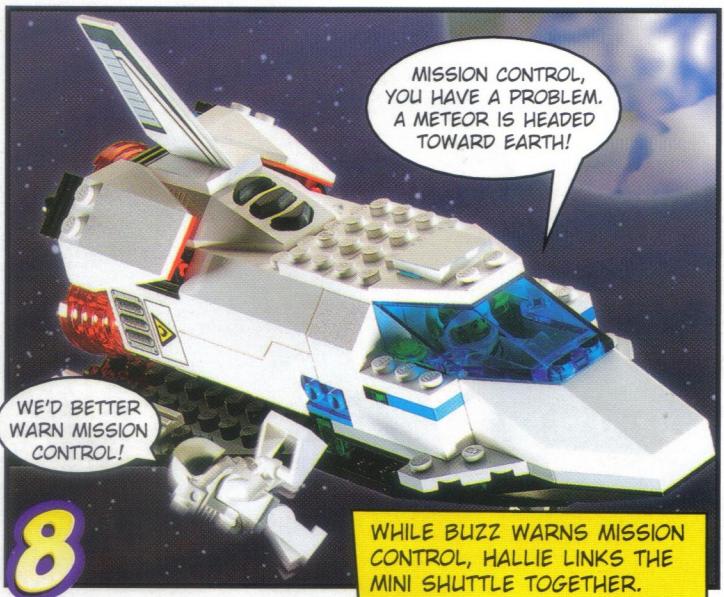
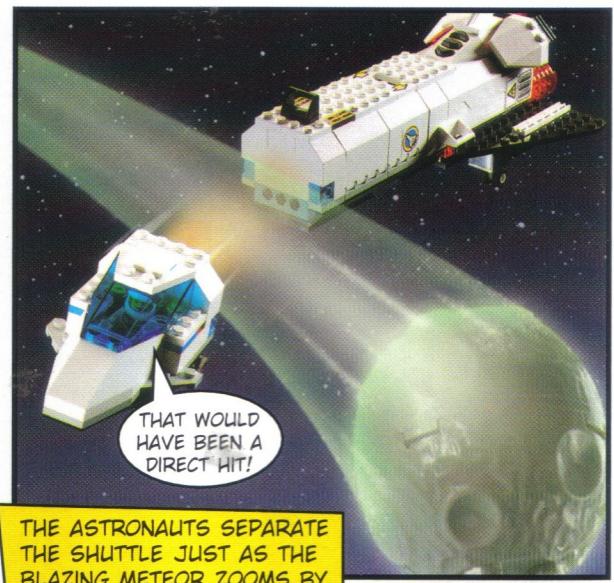
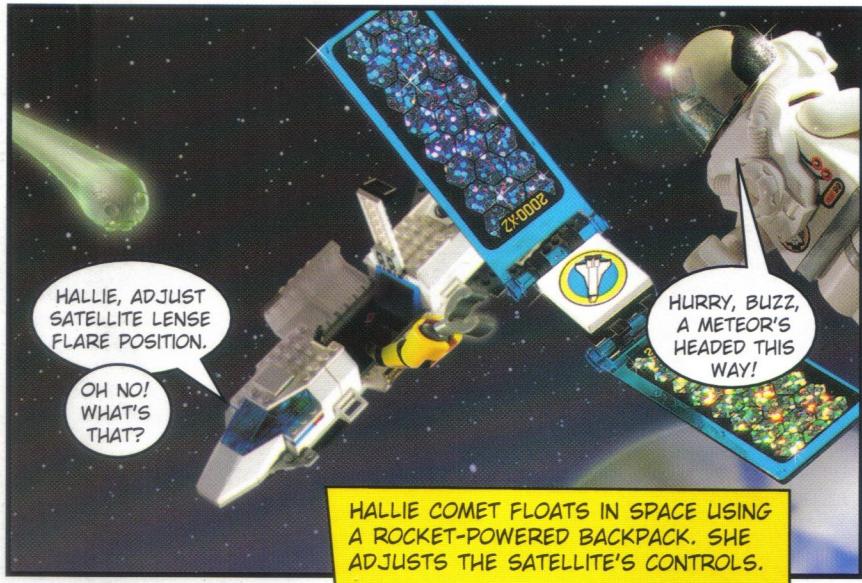
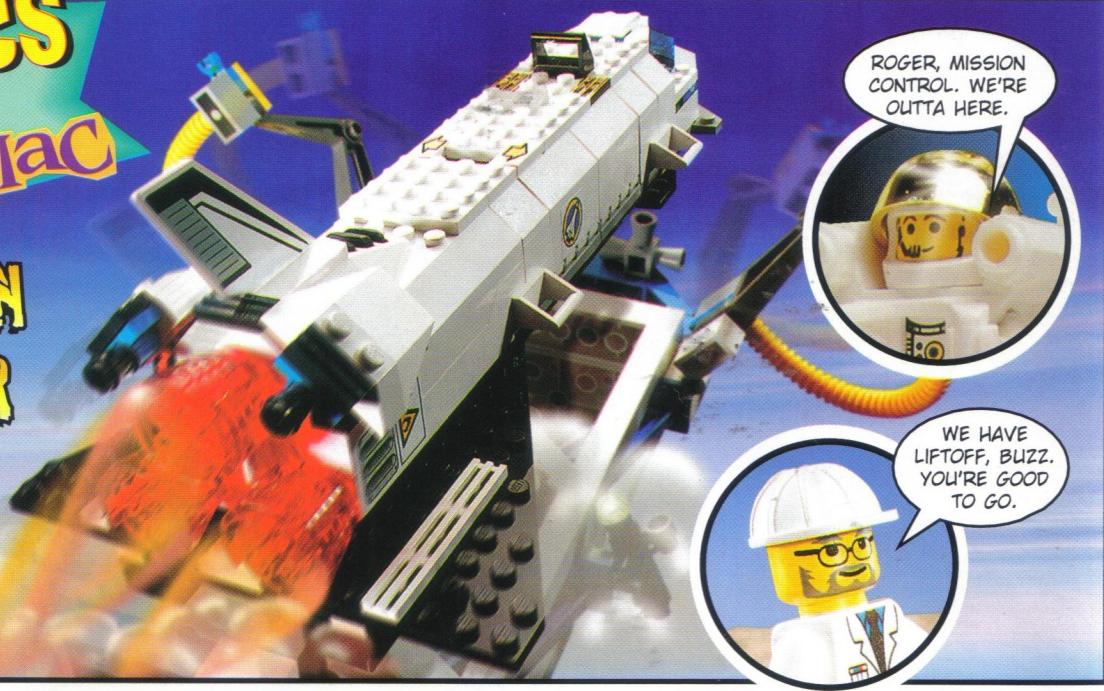
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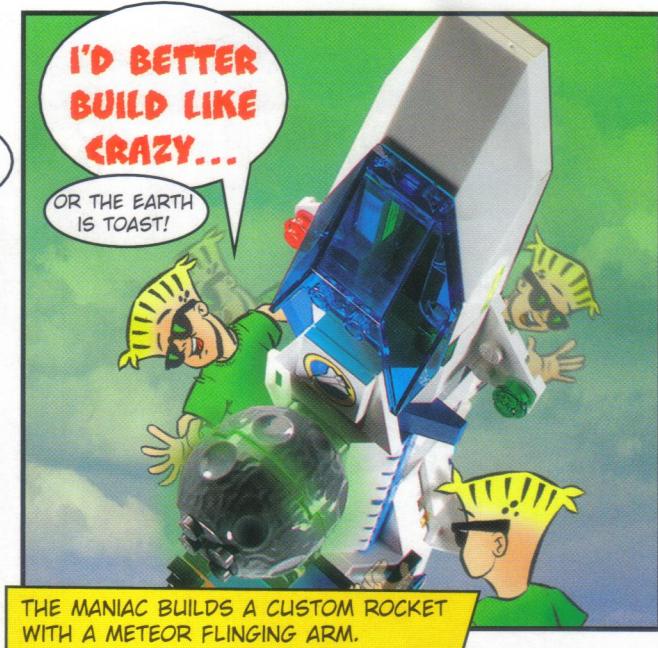
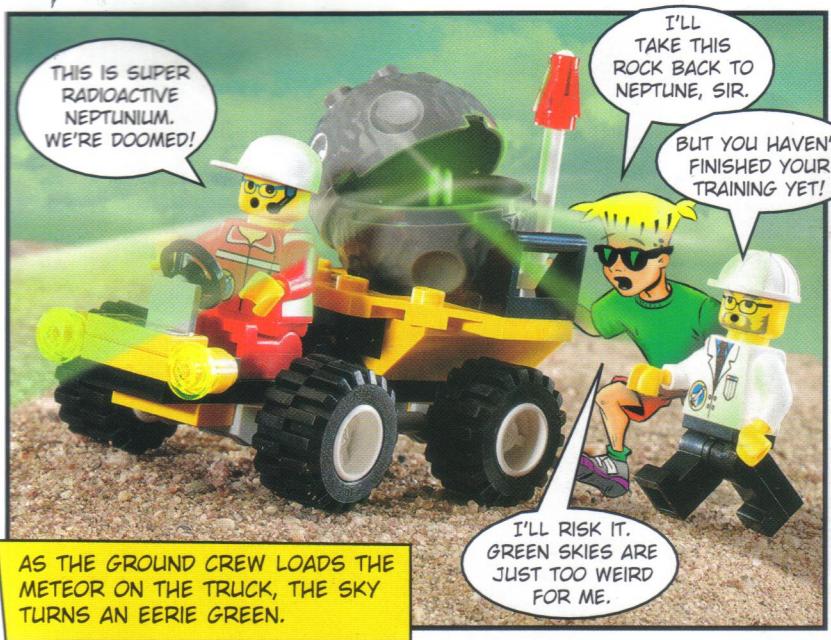
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the Adventures of the LEGO Maniac

COUNTDOWN TO DANGER

ASTRONAUTS BUZZ BAILEY AND HALLIE COMET BLAST INTO SPACE TO LAUNCH A SATELLITE.





YOU CAN BUILD THIS..



SNOW WALKER

Your original model could be featured in LEGO Mania Magazine.
Send a photo of your model to:

LEGO Club
"You Can Build This"
P.O. Box 1308
Enfield, CT 06083-1308

Club members featured will receive a free LEGO set of
their choice up (up to \$100 value).



Club Member,
Cameron
Smith, of
California,
inspired our
model
designers to
build the
Snow Walker.



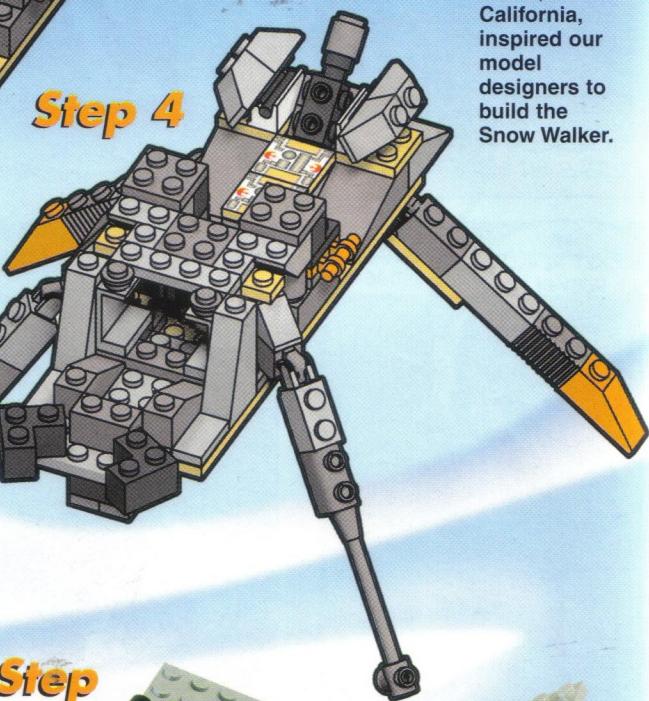
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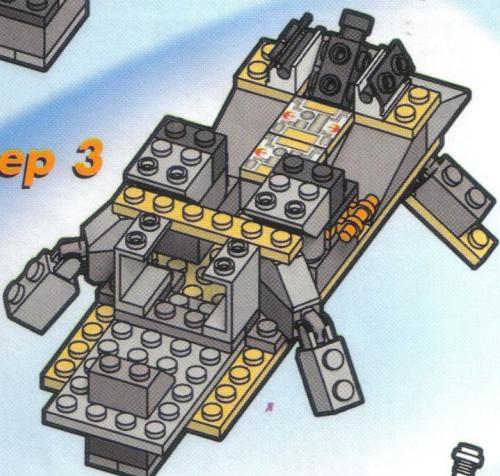
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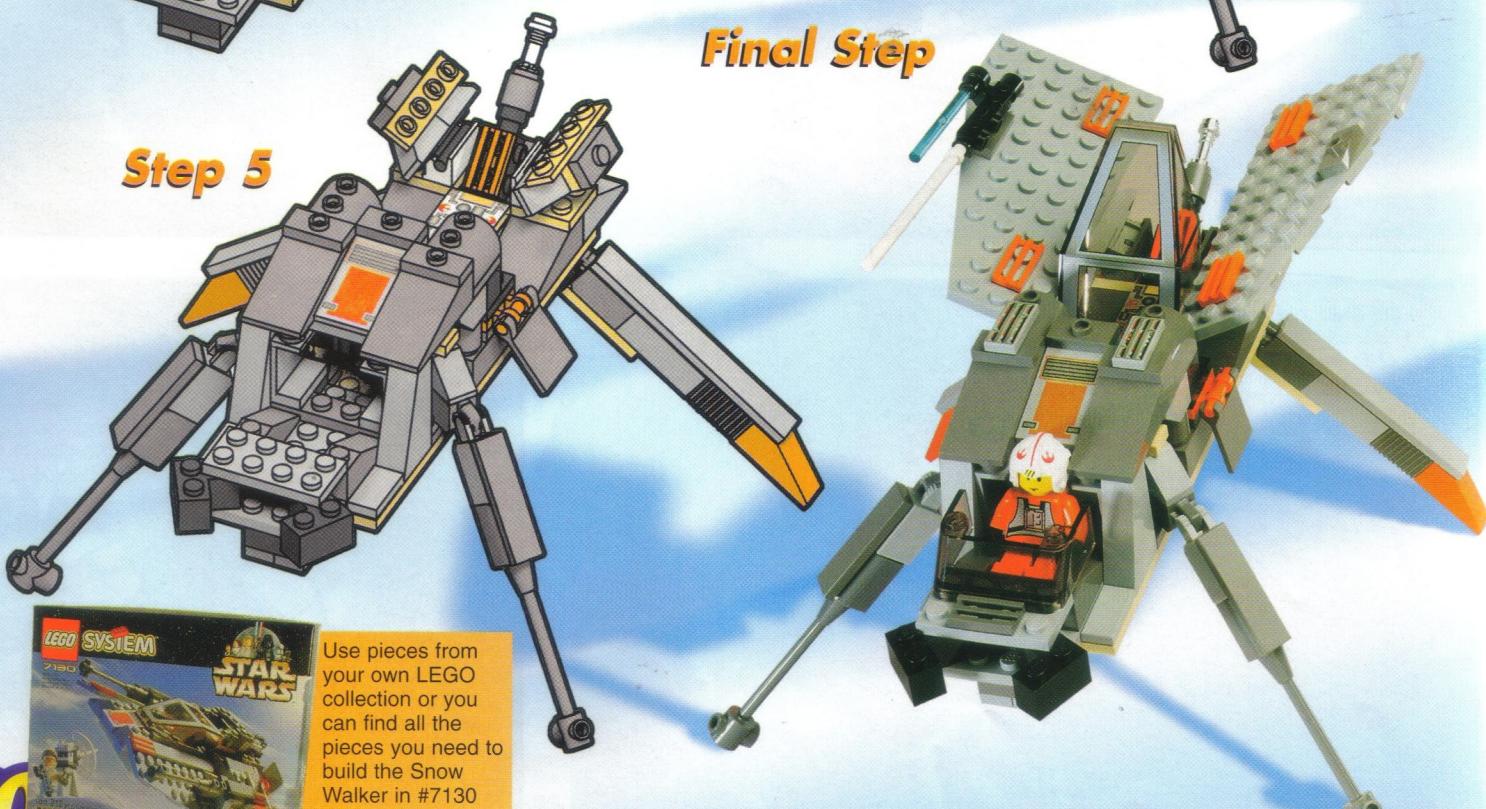
Step 4



Step 3



Final Step



Step 5



Use pieces from
your own LEGO
collection or you
can find all the
pieces you need to
build the Snow
Walker in #7130
Snowspeeder.



ZEPPELIN ADVENTURE

NEW

When we last saw Johnny Thunder, he was hanging around the jungle. There, Johnny found a magic sun disc but had to leave it behind. Now, the Adventurers are back. They must find the sun disc before Rudo Villano does. To avoid creepy spiders and snakes, they take off in their awesome Air Zeppelin

Meanwhile, down in the jungle, Rudo Villano is on the trail of the sun disc. He cuts his way through the cobwebs to a secret spidery surprise. Above the trees, the airship floats over a mysterious X-shaped clearing. **"That's it,"** exclaims Dr. Lightning. **"X marks the spot. Drop anchor!"**

Johnny scrambles down the anchor chain. He runs into the clearing, but he is too late! Rudo has the sun disc and heads into the jungle.

While Johnny and Harry Kane build a speedy jungle cruiser from pieces of the airship, Dr. Lightning hurries after Rudo. He follows Rudo's path and then stops. The sun disc rests on the ground in front of him. **"Hmm. This smells like a trap,"** says Dr. Lightning.

"It is' said the spider to the fly," laughs Rudo Villano. He drives a creepy looking crawling machine straight at Dr. Lightning! Just as the big bug is about to put the squeeze on Dr. Lightning, Johnny's jungle cruiser flies in. Rudo and his bug buggy creep off into the jungle. Dr. Lightning goes to recover the sun disc, but it has disappeared! Only you decide who will find the sun disc!

You can build Johnny's jungle cruiser and Rudo's creepy crawler using the same pieces from the #5956 Air Zeppelin.

Go to www.LEGO.com/topsecret for tips on building Rudo's Creepy Crawler.

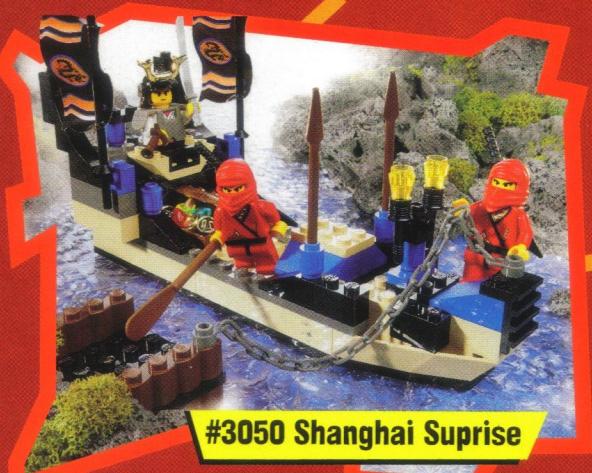


DISCOVER THE SECRET OF THE



An evil emperor invades the land of the ninja. He robs from the rich. He robs from the poor. He even robs from the Shogun. This evil emperor keeps the treasure hidden in a super stronghold. Dangerous traps, secret entrances, and a booming cannon protect the castle. No one has tried to stop him -until now.

From a secret fire fortress, the mysterious Ninja Princess leads a brave band of red ninjas against the emperor. Trained by the wise Ninja Master, the red ninjas are the sneakiest ninjas around. The Ninja Princess plans to invade the emperor's castle and return the treasure to her people.



#3050 Shanghai Surprise



#3052 Ninja's Fire Fortress

As the emperor sneaks a boatload of treasure into his castle, the even sneakier Ninja Princess glides above the castle and waves her sword. At the signal, red ninjas slide into the stronghold. The quest for the treasure begins. Who will keep the treasure? Only you can decide.

The mysterious Ninja Princess has left you a secret message about the Ninja's Flying Fortress. Rearrange the words to decode her message.



RED NINJAS!



Use pieces from your own LEGO collection or you can find all the pieces you need to build the Red Wing Warrior in #3051 Blaze Attack.

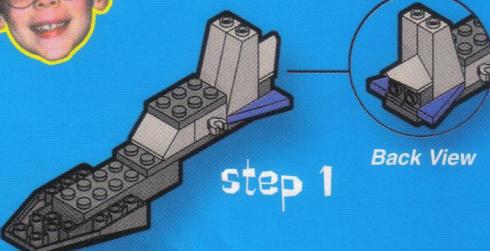


#3051 Blaze Attack.

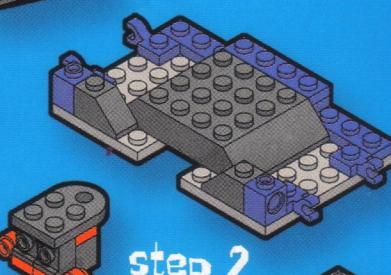


YOU CAN BUILD THIS.. RED WING WARRIOR

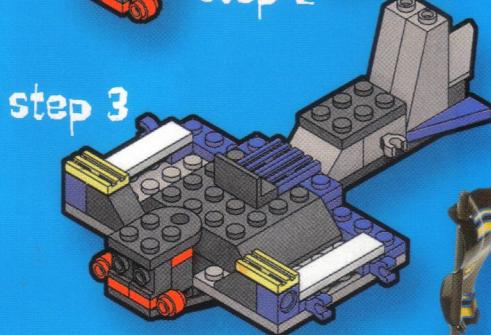
Club Member, John Luker, of Illinois, inspired our model designers to build the Red Wing Warrior.



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Final step

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behind the We will the hide
treasure wall revolving

ANSWER: We will hide the treasure behind the revolving wall.

maniac madness

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Model to:
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Remember to include your name,
address, age and model name.
Pictures will not be returned, so
take an extra photo for yourself!

"Hydro Space Cricket"
Philippe Otterson, age 8
of Georgia

Sam Williams and Alec Pratt, age 8 of
Alabama organized a LEGO Building contest
in their school to raise money to help save
"Vulcan," an iron statue in their city.

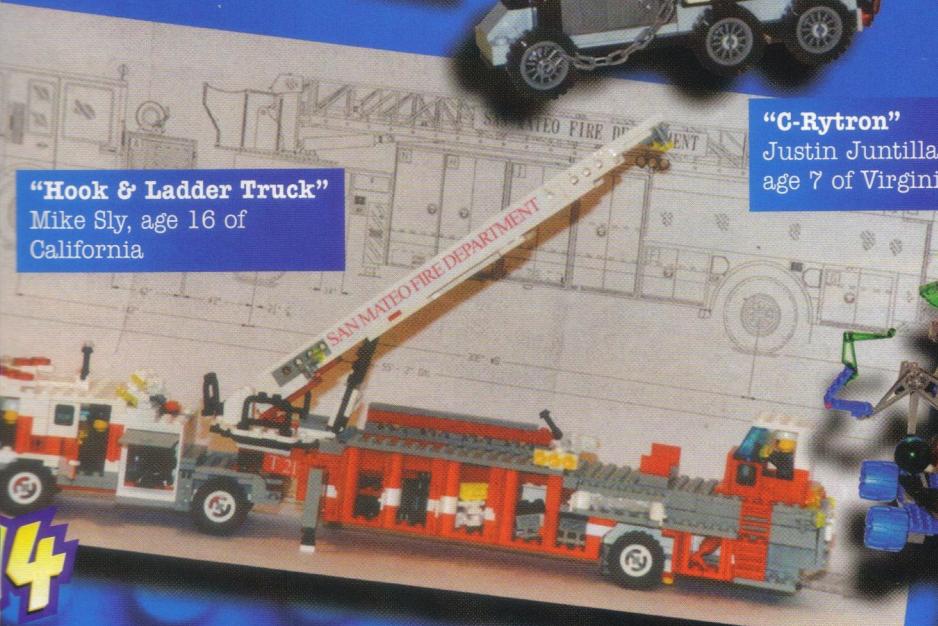
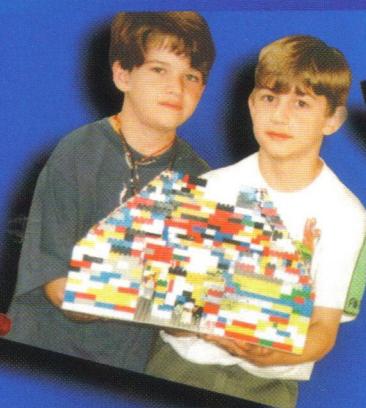
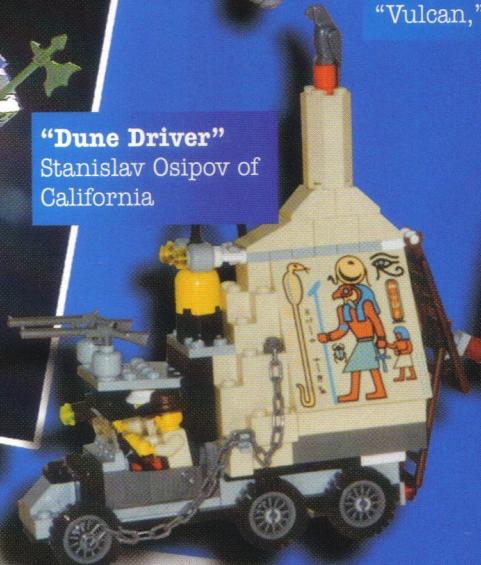
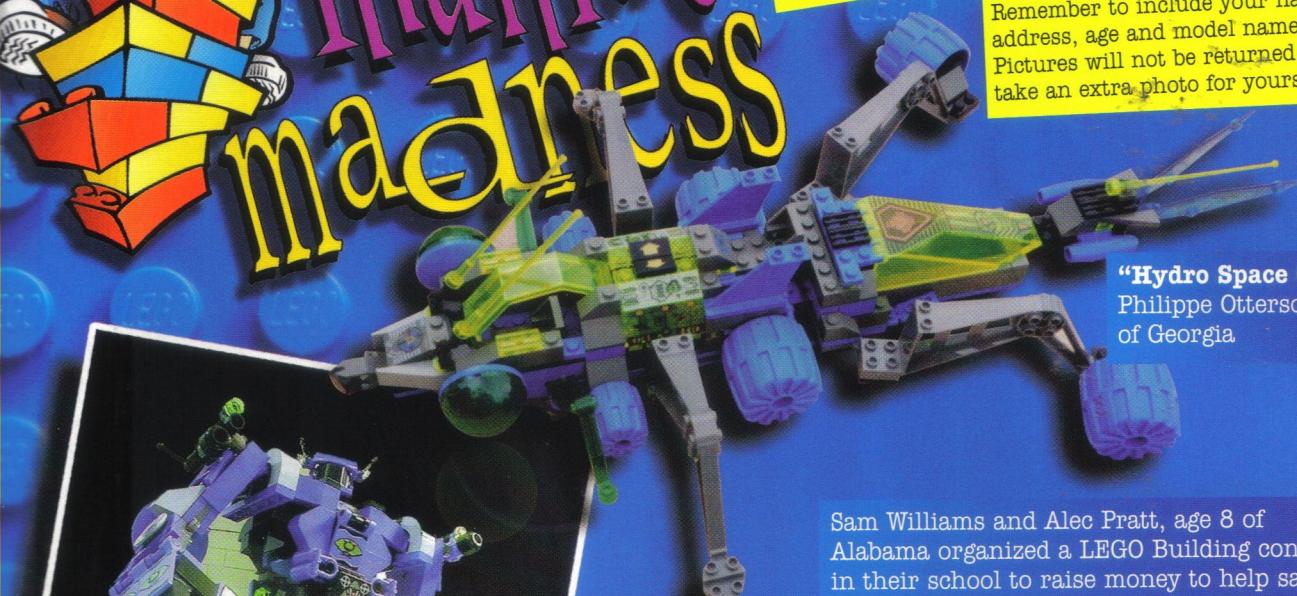
"Dune Driver"
Stanislav Osipov of
California

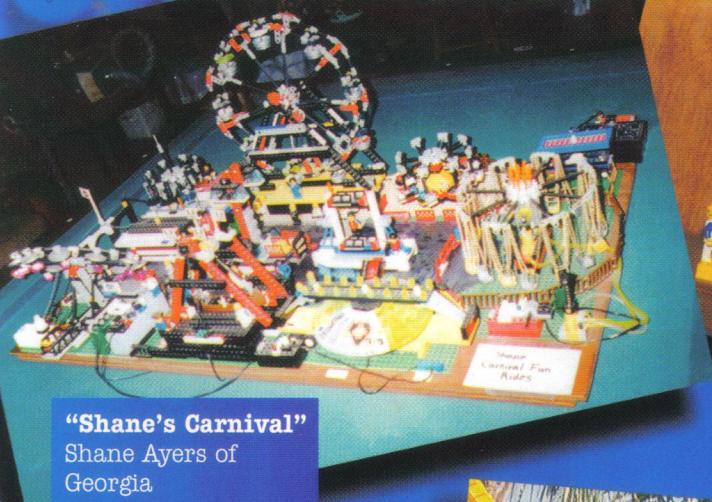
"Xentex: Blue"
Rhaj, of Massachusetts

"Hook & Ladder Truck"
Mike Sly, age 16 of
California

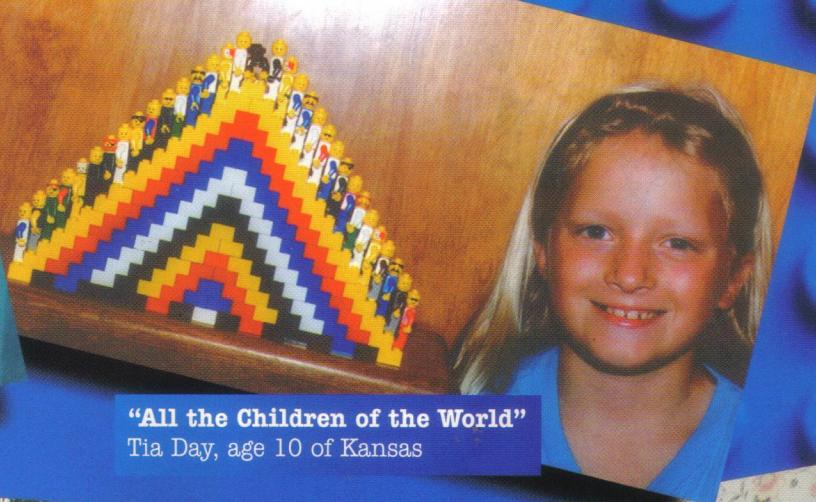
"C-Rytron"
Justin Juntilla,
age 7 of Virginia

**"Sharks Baseball
Stadium"**
Jeff Pedersen, age 11
of Minnesota

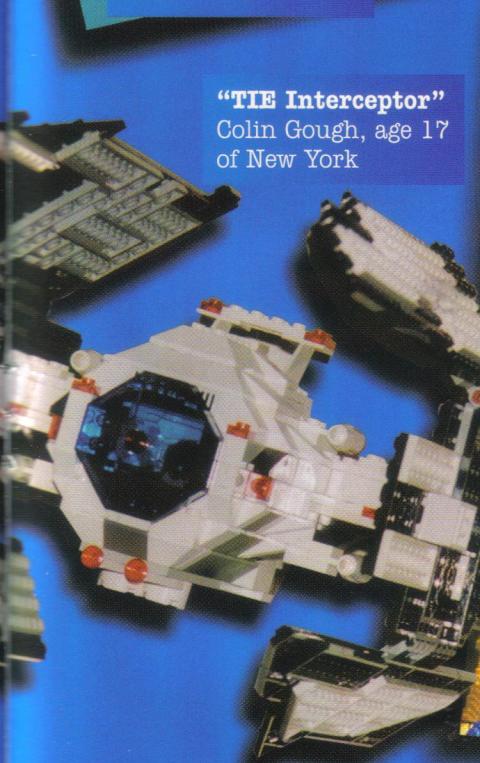




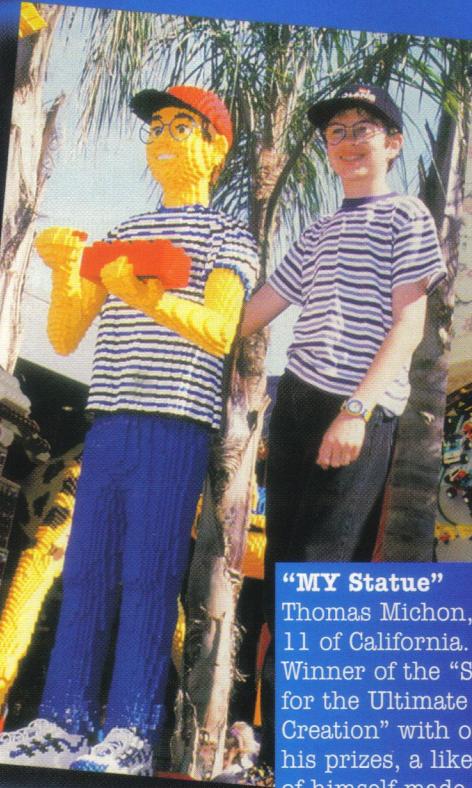
"Shane's Carnival"
Shane Ayers of
Georgia



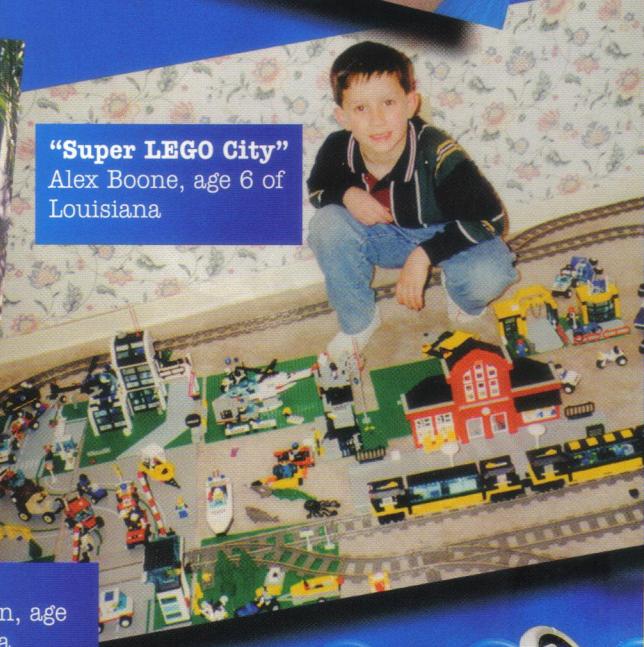
"All the Children of the World"
Tia Day, age 10 of Kansas



"TIE Interceptor"
Colin Gough, age 17
of New York



"MY Statue"
Thomas Michon, age
11 of California.
Winner of the "Search
for the Ultimate LEGO
Creation" with one of
his prizes, a likeness
of himself made out of
LEGO bricks.



"Super LEGO City"
Alex Boone, age 6 of
Louisiana



"Ninja Ship"
Takuya Kajiwara, age
10 of North Carolina

FIND THE OTHER THROWBOTS! CONTEST WINNERS

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Contest Winners

Skip Auten, Colorado
Brad Egbert, Oregon
David Grandbois, Minnesota
Cody Grubba, Wisconsin
Aaron Hereford, California
Dylan Marcus, New York

Daniel Moodie, Minnesota
Alexander Mantazakes, New York
Corey Spofford, California
Chris Street, Illinois

JOURNEY UNDERGROUND....



...TO A
NEW
WORLD!

ROCK RAIDERS



The journey begins in the next issue of
LEGO Mania Magazine and in a Toy Store near you.

ROCK-ON!!

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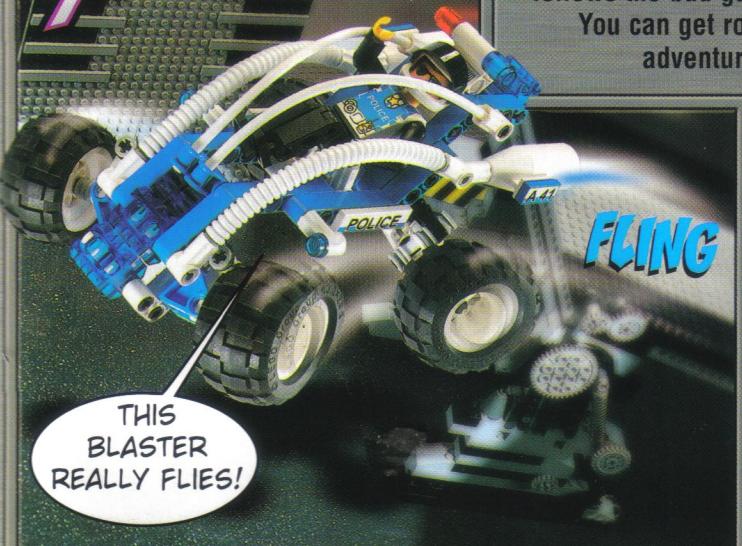
BEACH BUSTIN' ACTION

TECH ACTION

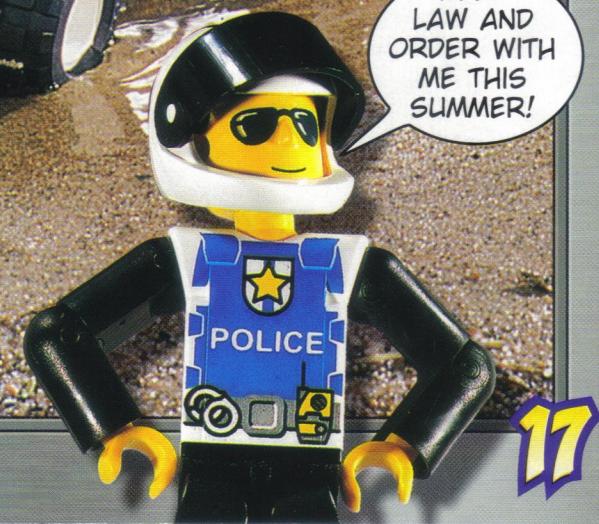
Bust bad guys this summer with the 8252 Beach Buster. With its jumbo tires, this police buggy blasts through the biggest sand dunes. On tight-turning, ground-grabbing tires, the 4-wheeler follows the bad guys wherever they go.

You can get rolling on your first adventure right now.

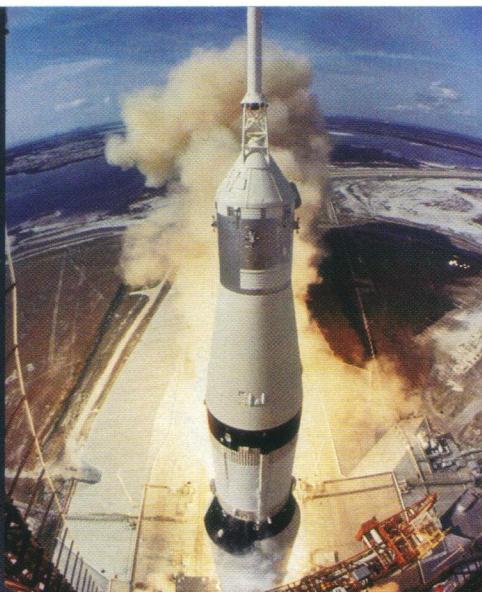
TONS OF MUD... NO PROBLEM!



#8252 BEACH BUSTER



Have you ever looked up at the moon and wondered what it would be like to go there?



▲ Liftoff of the Apollo 11 Saturn V space vehicle at 9:32 July 16, 1969 soaring Astronauts Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin all the way to the moon.

But there was a spirit among the men and women of Apollo, that nothing is impossible if you work hard enough to achieve it. For almost a decade, the Apollo team — 400,000 people at NASA, aerospace companies, and

colleges — designed, built and tested the spacecraft and rockets for the lunar voyage.

The moment of truth came 30 years ago this month, on July 20, 1969, as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin transferred into the lunar module *Eagle*. On the way down

Armstrong and Aldrin explored the moon's surface and experienced the delights of moonwalking. In lunar gravity, only one-sixth as strong as Earth, it was almost like walking on a trampoline. Armstrong and Aldrin could not help but be awed by the beauty of the lunar landscape. With no atmosphere, the sky was not blue, as it is on Earth, but black, like space itself. Armstrong and Aldrin picked up rock and soil samples, planted the American flag, and deployed a pair of scientific experiments that would relay data back to Earth.

After Apollo 11, NASA made six more attempts to land on the moon. All but one — the famous voyage of Apollo 13 — were successful, and each mission accomplished more than the one before it. And then, in December 1972, when Apollo 17 returned to Earth, Project Apollo came to an end.

by Andrew Chaikin, author of "A Man on the Moon" Now available in a fully-illustrated three volume set from TimeLife®



▲ Neil Armstrong, Commander; Michael Collins, Command Module Pilot and Buzz Aldrin, Lunar Module Pilot.

For thousands of years, people dreamed about that. Movie makers created film versions of a lunar voyage (lunar means "moon"). Then, in the summer of 1969, the dream came true, thanks to Project Apollo — the U.S. effort to put astronauts on the surface of the moon.

In 1961, President John Kennedy challenged the nation to achieve a piloted lunar landing before the end of the 1960s. In 1961, the U.S. had made only one piloted space flight. No American had yet orbited the Earth. To reach the moon in eight year's time seemed impossible.

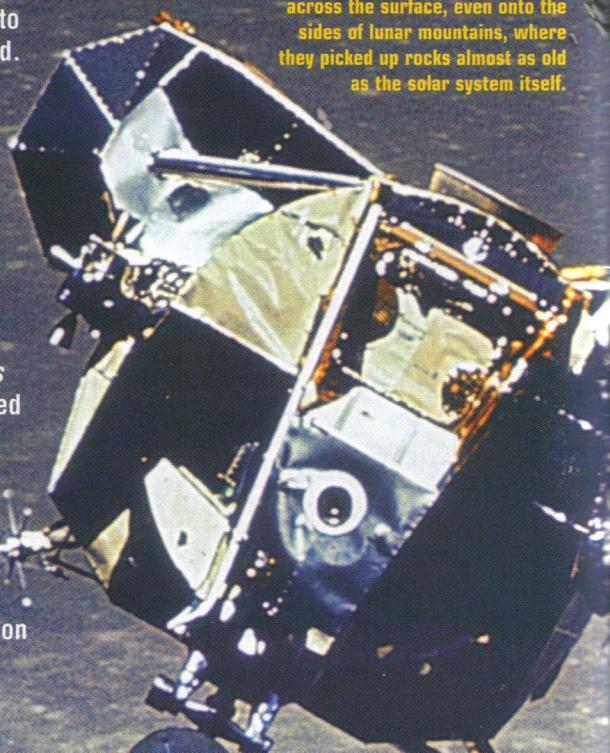
to the moon's surface, Armstrong and Aldrin battled computer alarms that threatened to stop the mission. With help from experts in mission control, they kept going. In the final minutes of the descent, Armstrong had to take control in order to avoid a crater the size of a football field. Finally, with the fuel supply running low, Armstrong brought *Eagle* to rest on the ancient plains of the moon's Sea of Tranquillity. "Houston, Tranquillity Base here," Armstrong announced. "The *Eagle* has landed." They had done it — they had actually landed on the moon!

Soon, Armstrong climbed down *Eagle*'s ladder. He raised his left foot and placed it on the powdery ground — the first human footstep on another world. "That's one small step for [a] man," Armstrong said, "one giant leap for mankind." An estimated 600 million people witnessed the event as it happened, thanks to live radio and television transmissions from the surface.

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Lunar Rover

On the last three landings, the astronauts brought along a battery-powered car, the lunar Rover. With it, they traveled miles across the surface, even onto the sides of lunar mountains, where they picked up rocks almost as old as the solar system itself.

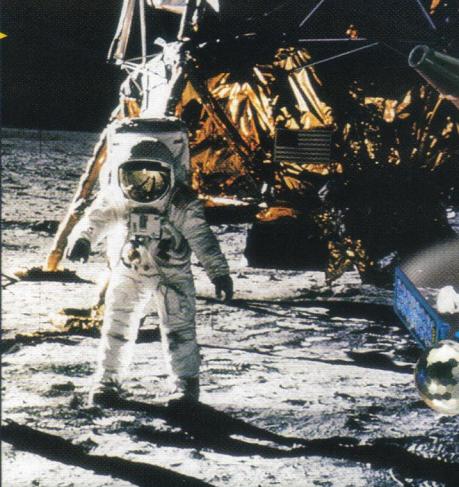


Astronaut Aldrin stands beside the Lunar Module on part of his 22 hour stay on the moon's surface.

In the early 1980's, a handful of scientists began to think about going back to the moon. Engineer David Criswell designed solar power stations that could be set up on the moon to provide energy to the earth. He estimated that the first lunar stations could produce 50 billion watts of energy a year.

However, going to the moon is still so expensive, that no one has yet made plans to go back.

Today, 30 years after Apollo 11's first lunar footsteps, no one can say when humans will return to the moon. Until they do, it is important to remember what the Apollo missions gave us. On those historic flights, humans made their first journeys from their home planet to another world. We learned many of the moon's secrets, including new knowledge about how



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the solar system came to be. And when we looked back at Earth from all that distance, we saw a beautiful, precious world — a sight that has inspired us to take better care of the planet we call home. Finally, Apollo showed us that when we try hard enough, we can accomplish things that seem impossible.

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With a half-Earth in the background, the Lunar Module approaches for a rendezvous with the Apollo Command Module.

Above: "Buzz" Aldrin poses beside the American flag. The flag as well as the Astronauts footprints are still on the moon today!

Right: Buzz Aldrin performing one of the many tests the Astronauts completed on the Moon



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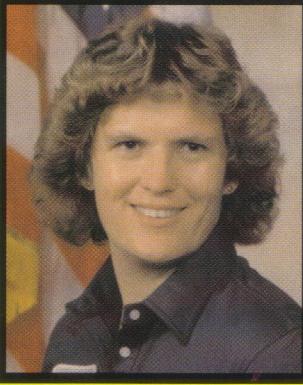
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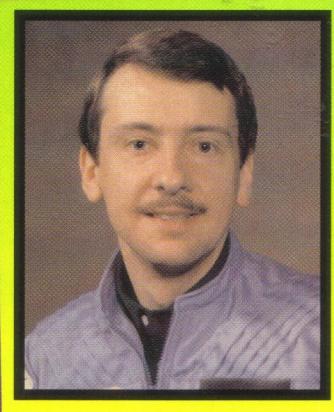
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Chat with shuttle astronauts Kathy Sullivan and Charlie Walker.



KATHY SULLIVAN

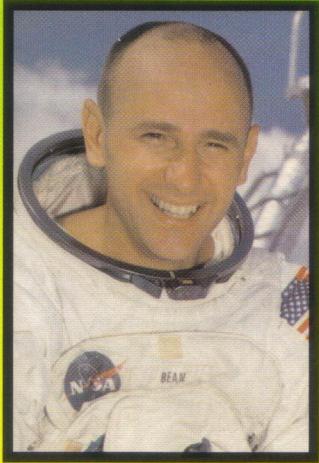
- First woman to walk in space.
- Flew on first Spacelab mission.
- Helped take Hubble Space Telescope to space.
- Studied Earth's atmosphere while on shuttle.



CHARLIE WALKER

- Shuttle crew member has flown more than 8 million miles in space.
- Trained other shuttle astronauts.
- Worked at Mission Control.
- Helped put Space Station in space.

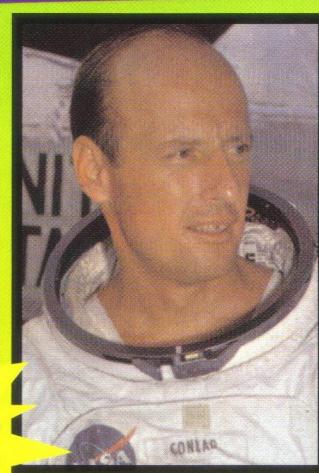
Sunday, August 1st from 3:00-4:30pm (Eastern Time)
Chat with two friends and astronauts who walked on the moon, Apollo 12 astronauts, Alan Bean and Pete Conrad.



ALAN BEAN

- Astronaut/artist has drawn 200 paintings of important moments in space.
- Fourth person to walk on the moon.
- Commanded Skylab II mission: a 59-day, 24 million mile, world record setting flight.

During lift-off, their spacecraft was struck by lightning! They made it to the moon, and performed the first precision lunar landing in November 1969.



PETE CONRAD

- Third person to walk on the moon.
- This space cowboy brought country western music to the moon.
- First words after he stepped onto the moon: "Whoopie! It may be one small step for Neil (Armstrong), but it's one long step for me."
- Won Congressional Space Medal of Honor for rescuing the Skylab space station in 1973.



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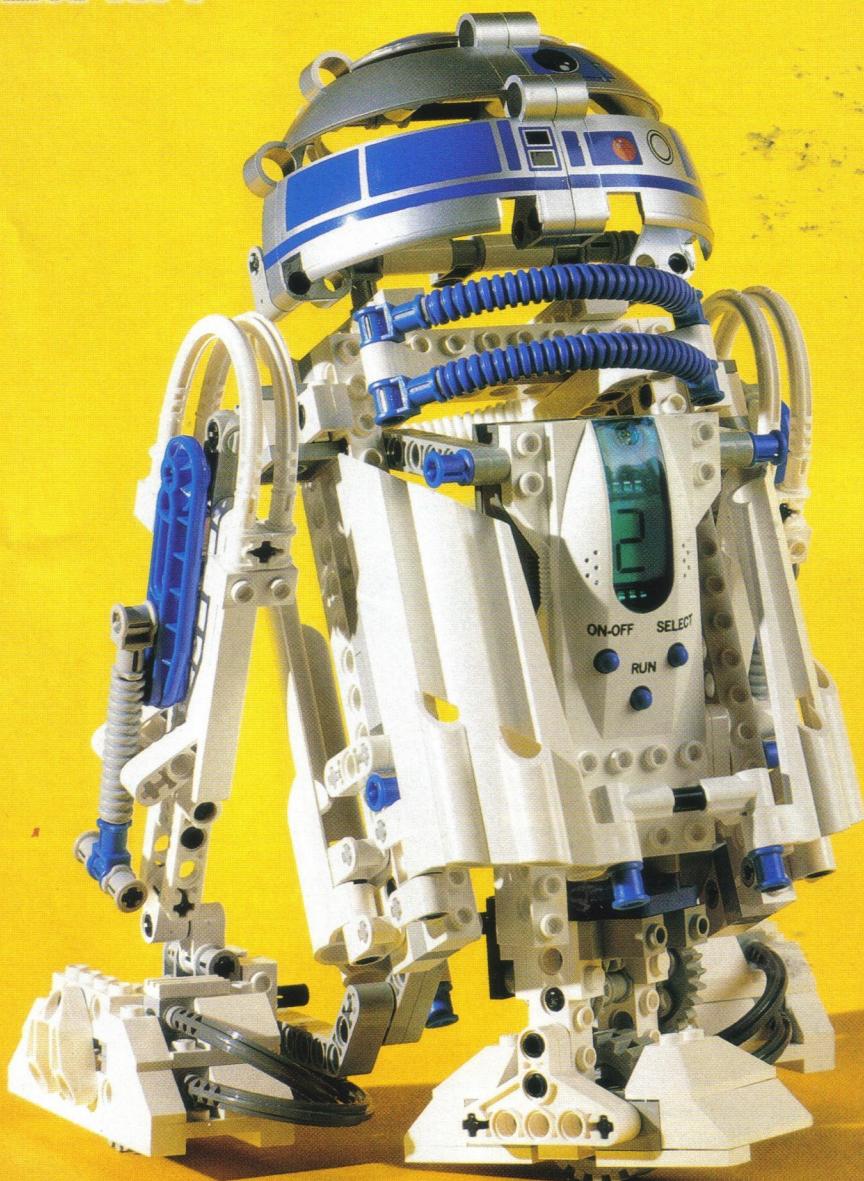
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